6. M/s Avon Gas Service, Najafgarh.
7. M/s Goodwilll Gas Service, Krishan Nagar
8. M/s Dagar Gas Service, Rohini
9. M/s Gayatri Gas Service, Subhash Nagar, Ghonda
10. M/s Parul Gas Service, Burari.

Long Term Management Plans for Kaziranga and Manas National Parks

*160. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the long term management plan of the Kaziranga and Manas National Parks in Assam;

(b) the assistance given by the World Wide Fund for Nature for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Kaziranga and Manas National Parks in Assam do not have long-term management plans. Their management is being guided by annual action plans and the financial support required is also being assessed on annual basis.

(c) The World Wide Fund for Nature has so far committed Rs. 4.30 lakhs for Kaziranga and Rs. 2.10 lakhs for Manas National Parks.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New Agricultural Policy

1086. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated new agricultural policy to ascertain faster growth in agriculture and animal husbandry sections in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the new policy approach to sluggish agricultural growth in Bihar and an estimate of financial requirement during Ninth Plan period for achievement of the targeted growth in agriculture and animal husbandry sector;

(c) whether Government have identified the missing linkages and factors responsible for sluggish growth in agriculture and allied sectors in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken for effective implementation of new agricultural policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India have formulated a draft Agriculture Policy Resolution to ascertain faster growth in agriculture and animal husbandry sectors in the country including Bihar. Formulation of State Agriculture Policy concerns the respective State Governments. The outlays for agriculture and the physical targets for the 9th plan for Bihar State have not been finalised.

(c) and (d) the major factor responsible for sluggish growth in Agriculture and allied Sectors, inter-alia, are poor irrigation facilities, low input of fertilisers, uneconomic size of holding, low level of infrastructural development, inadequate flow of institutional finance, etc.

These will be suitably addressed in the Ninth Plan.

Central Assistance for Agricultural Production in Bihar

1087. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to augment agricultural production, Central assistance is being provided to the farmers of Bihar for acquiring agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes;

(b) if so, the details therof; and

(c) the other measures being taken by Government for augmenting agricultural production in the State?